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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENTS ON CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' STATMENT

1. IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL TIMES OF ZAMBIA RELUCTANTLY AND "WITH GREATEST DISPLEASURE" TOOK ISSUE WITH CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS FOR HIS DECEMBER 2 STATEMENT IN NAIROBI REPORTEDLY WARNING AFRICAN STATES ABOUT BECOMING CLOSELY INVOLVED IN AFFAIRS OF MIDDLE EAST AND ARAB WORLD.

2. TIMES SAID CONGRESSMAN DIGGS IS "TRUSTED AND SINCERE FRIEND OF AFRICA.... WITH BEST INTENTIONS IN THE WORLD." TIMES EXPLAINED ZAMBIA COULD NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO MIDDLE EAST WHILE SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL HELPED ISRAEL AGAINST EGYPT. ISRAELI POLICIES OF MILITARY OCCUPATION HOT PURSUIT AND TERRITORIAL AGGRANDISEMENT CONDEMNED AS DANGEROUS PRECEDENTS WHICH COULD INFLUENCE NEIGHBORING SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIA.

3. ISRAEL DESCRIBED AS INCREASINGLY ARROGANT AND INTRANSIGENT DUE TO SUPPORT FROM US GOVERNMENT AND BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

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4. IN REATED COMMENT IN DAILY MAIL, FOREIGN MINISTER

MUDENDA DESCRIBED ZAMBIA'S POSITION ON MIDDLE
EAST AS CRYSTAL CLEAR IN SOLIDARITY WITH ARAB WORLD
AS AGREED BY OAU SUMMIT IN ADDIS. WILKOWSKI

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